

Lebanon
Baptist Association.
1899.



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J. D. Bonner,

R. N. Davis,

O. D. Bowen.




MINUTES

—OF THE—

◁FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION▷

—OF THE—

Lebanon 

Baptist Association,

—AT—

◁EASTABUCHIE, MISS.,▷

AUGUST 31 and SEPTEMBER 1, 1899.

OFFICERS:

O. D. Bowen, Ellisville,
Chas. G. Elliott, Meridian,

Moderator.
Clerk and Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Association will be held with the Hattiesburg church, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1900.

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BRANDON, MISS.

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1899.

Ordained Ministers--Their Postoffice.

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| O. D. BOWEN | Ellisville, Miss. |
| C. M. BRELAND | Wisdom, Miss. |
| J. F. BYNUM | Escatawpa, Miss. |
| TYRA COOLEY | Heidelberg, Miss. |
| R. N. DAVIS | Perkinston, Miss. |
| CHAS. G. ELLIOTT | Meridian, Miss. |
| J. R. FARISH | Meridian, Miss. |
| L. E. HALL | Hattiesburg, Miss. |
| W. B. HOLCOMB | Poplarville, Miss. |
| W. W. MITCHELL | Poplarville, Miss. |
| R. C. MURRAY | Purvis, Miss. |
| W. A. ROPER | Heidelberg, Miss. |
| M. G. TURNER | Ellisville, Miss. |



Licentiates.

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| H. R. CURTIS | Poplarville, Miss. |
| W. J. HURST | Sandersville, Miss. |

PROCEEDINGS.

First Day—Morning Session.

In the Providence of God, the Fifth annual session of the Lebanon Baptist Association convened with the Eastabuchie Baptist Church on Thursday morning, August 31, 1899. At 9 o'clock Bro. O. D. Bowen, the only Moderator we have ever had, called the body to order. After a few feeling remarks upon the origin, growth and destiny of the Association, Bro. T. J. Bailey, Editor of The Baptist, was asked to conduct the devotional exercises. The first eight verses of the fifteenth chapter of John were read and commented on, drawing helpful lessons for our consideration.

Brethren J. D. Bonner and K. C. Hall were appointed to read the letters from the churches, while Brethren R. Dossett and W. W. Brooks were made finance committee.

Letters from the following churches were read, and delegates seated, though some did not get in for the first roll call:

AUGUSTA—J. J. Courtney.

CORINTH—Ben Morgan.

EASTABUCHIE—J. D. Bonner, W. B. Roberts, N. N. Lee, R. Dossett.

ELLISVILLE—O. D. Bowen, Jno. W. Quick, Joe L. Gough, H. P. Gough.

MINUTES OF LEBANON

- HATTIESBURG—L. E. Hall, A. R. Granberry, A. Polk.
HEIDELBERG—Letter.
IMMANUEL—Chas. G. Elliott, J. R. Farish.
INDIAN SPRINGS—Daniel Carter, Chas. James.
LACEY—W. W. Brooks.
LAUREL—C. H. Rowell, H. H. Stephens.
LUMBERTON—I. E. Bass.
NICHOLSON—
PERKINSTON—J. M. Price, B. C. Cox, R. N. Davis.
PHALTAI—M. F. Berry.
POPLARVILLE—W. W. Mitchell, J. H. Caver, T. L. Holcomb, H. R. Curtis, W. I. Thames, J. W. Moody.
PURVIS—R. C. Murray.
SANDERSVILLE—K. C. Hall, W. J. Saul.
SHADY GROVE—W. A. Roper, J. C. Lyon, D. Thatch, W. R. Howell, W. P. Ellis.
VERNON—J. T. Hosey.
WIGGINS—Wiggins Hatten.

The Association next proceeded to perfect permanent organization, and Brethren H. P. Gough and J. H. Caver were appointed tellers. The result was the re-election of the former officers, O. D. Bowen, Moderator, and Chas. G. Elliott, Clerk and Treasurer.

Bro. L. E. Hall and the delegates from Eastabuchie church were appointed by motion, to arrange the hours of meeting and adjourning, which was as follows: Meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 11:45 A. M. Meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at 6 P. M. To-night at 7:30 the Associational sermon.

Petitionary letters being called for, the following churches applied for admission, were received and their delegates seated.

- BIG LEVEL—R. W. Hatten, R. Q. Breland.
BROOKLYN—Letter by Bro. L. E. Hall.
FAIRFIELD—O. A. Haigler.
MCLAURIN—J. E. Barron.
SLIDELL, LA.—H. L. Moore.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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Visiting brethren responded to an invitation to seats with us, viz:

T. J. Bailey, Editor of The Baptist.
 J. M. Sharp, Mississippi College.
 J. A. Hackett, State Board of Missions.
 T. E. H. Robinson, H. A. Lee, Pearl Leaf Association.
 J. M. Sammons, Hobolochitto Association.
 Jacob Sumrall, A. R. Shoemaker, Chickasahay Association.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint all needed committees.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted as appended:

Report of Treasurer.

Chas. G. Elliott, Treasurer,

1898. To the Lebanon Baptist Association, Dr.
 Sept. 2, Received from Finance Committee-----\$ 95 10
 Sept. 2, Received from Lacey Baptist Church----- 1 00
 \$ 96 10

CREDIT.

Sept. 2, By Amount paid T. J. Bailey,
 Treasurer Convention Board-\$ 41 15
 5, Foreign Missions----- 3 00
 5, State Missions----- 2 00
 29, Minutes Printed----- 20 00
 29, Express 55c, Postage \$3.55-- 4 10
 1899.
 Aug. 16, Postage and Envelopes----- 25
 30, Stationery----- 20
 \$ 85 70
 Balance on hand----- \$ 10 40

Four o'clock was set for the report on Publications.

Adjourned with benediction by Brother Sammons.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

The Association assembled promptly at 2 o'clock.
Prayer by Bro. Robinson.

The Moderator announced committees as below:

Sunday Schools—W. I. Thames, Daniel Carter, J. C. Lyon, J. T. Hosey, Luther Holcomb.

Woman's Work—J. D. Bonner, H. R. Curtis, W. P. Ellis, R. Q. Breland, K. C. Hall.

Sustentation—R. N. Davis, J. W. Moody, D. Thatch, O. A. Haigler.

Nominations—W. W. Mitchell, W. B. Roberts, C. H. Rowell.

Publications—J. R. Farish, W. J. Saul, J. L. Gough.

Temperance—A. R. Granberry, Chas. James, J. H. Caver, N. N. Lee.

Missions—L. E. Hall, J. J. Courtney, Ben Morgan, H. L. Moore, Wiggins Hatten.

Education—W. A. Roper, J. M. Price, B. C. Cox, J. E. Barron.

Orphans Home—A. Polk, R. W. Hatten, W. R. Howell, J. W. Quick.

State of Churches—R. C. Murray, K. C. Hall, I. E. Bass.

There being nothing before the house Bro. Sharp was given an opportunity to speak in the interests of Mississippi College, and was followed by Brethren Bailey and Hackett.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report on Publications was read by Bro. Hackett for the Chairman, and was discussed by Brethren Hackett, Bailey, Hall and Elliott, and adopted.

Report on Publications.

The people who read good literature are generally a well-informed and thinking people. These are they who also make more progress in the world than others; and

through whose instrumentality, very largely, the world is made better. What we need to do for the best is to circulate to the utmost extent the Word of God, which is the best of all literature, and after that all manner of good books and newspapers—especially those of our own denominational publications. The Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and our Convention Sunday School Series ought to be in every Baptist home and church in the land.

Then the Baptist paper that truly represents our people in our own State, that is true to Bible and Baptist doctrines, practices and interests, should have our undivided support. That paper known as *The Baptist*, issued at Jackson as the successor of the Baptist Record, which has heretofore, for twenty-one years, been the able, useful and sufficient organ of Mississippi Baptists, presents itself as such a paper, and in our opinion, is up to the measure of its claim and should be in all of our homes. The clearing of the field for one good paper, by the purchase of other interests, thus removing an unholy rivalry, which for some years has wrought far more of evil than of good in our midst, is a hopeful sign for the future. Let us hope that our people have learned wisdom from their past experience and henceforth will have a care how they encourage private religious newspaper enterprises for personal gain.

We recommend our people to give our new Baptist paper a fair and honest chance to accomplish its great and important mission, by subscribing and paying for it, and by praying for, reading, and commending it to others. Only thus can we help those who now have the burden upon them to make the enterprise a worthy success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. FARISH,

W. J. SAUL,

J. L. GOUGH, Committee. 4

Adjourned until the time for the Associational sermon.
Prayer by Brother Davis.

First Day—Night Session.

Promptly at 7:30 the exercises of the night session were opened. After a short prayer service, Bro. Farish

delivered the Associational sermon. Theme, "The Bible."

The report on Missions was made the special order for 9:30 A. M. Friday, for the convenience of Bro. Rowe, who had just arrived, with Woman's Work to be considered immediately thereafter.

Adjourned. Benediction by Bro. Rowe.

Second Day—Morning Session.

The exercises of the second day began promptly at 9 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother Hackett. The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

Bro. M. F. Berry reported from Phaltai, which was not represented upon yesterday.

The committee on Nominations presented their report, which was laid on the table until after the special orders were over with.

The hour set apart for Missions having come, Bro. Hall submitted the report, which was spoken to by Brethren Hall, Rowe and Farish, and adopted as follows:

Report on Missions.

The great movement known as Modern Missions, which originated about a century ago, and which spread over England and America like a forest fire, has, like all similar revolutions in human affairs, had its ebbs and flows.

As the years go by, this great impulse is being more and more crystalized with the practical efforts which are necessary to obey the Master's great command, and our people are learning slowly but surely that the giving of the gospel to the perishing is a business and the business of the church of God on earth.

In a report so circumscribed as this must be, it is impracticable to enter into details in the discussion of this great work, and we will only say that the condition of our Foreign Mission work is very encouraging. It reports more baptisms last year than any previous year, and the Board has been instructed to increase its appropriations 25 per cent.

The work of our Home Board is prospering on every

field and on the Island of Cuba especially. Our opportunities are increasing and our responsibilities correspondingly so.

STATE MISSIONS.

In consequence of the epidemic last year and the low price of cotton, the contributions of our churches fell very far below the amount necessary to carry on this work as our Board wished, but much was done, as is evidenced by the report of our secretary at our last Convention:

STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

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| Number of stations..... | 119 |
| Number of persons baptized..... | 355 |
| Baptized by others in meetings where missionaries labored..... | 476 |
| Received by letter..... | 475 |
| Restored to church fellowship..... | 38 |
| Number of churches organized..... | 4 |
| Sunday schools organized..... | 14 |
| Number of Missionaries..... | 73 |
| Money collected for personal services..... | \$ 2,000 00 |
| Money collected for State Missions..... | 605 00 |
| Money collected for Home Missions..... | 80 00 |
| Money collected for Foreign Missions..... | 280 00 |
| Money collected for other purposes..... | 1,000 00 |
| Number of houses of worship commenced..... | 18 |
| Number of houses of worship finished..... | 5 |
| Number of houses of worship repaired..... | 11 |
| Amount expended for houses of worship..... | \$ 3,500 00 |

The great need is men and money—men to do the work and money to support them while they are doing it.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

This is merged into our State work, but it is that for which we are most responsible and in which we are most interested. As our borders are being extended and our field widened we should increase our contributions and our efforts correspondingly. After all that may be said, it is certain that our great need is more of the spirit of our blessed Master. For if we had this we would be more liberal with our means, our Boards would have the money and God would give us the men and we would "go into

all the world, with the gospel of Christ," as never before.

Let us pray earnestly that God will make the next year the most prosperous of all that will have gone before.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. HALL,
J. J. COURTNEY,
H. L. MOORE,
WIGGINS HATTEN.

To this report was appended the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The Gulf and Ship Island railroad has opened up an important field for mission work between Hattiesburg and the gulf; and

Whereas, The Baptists along this road are turning to the State Convention for help in developing the spiritual condition of this country; and

Whereas, We know that now is the time to occupy the field if we are going to do so at all; therefore,

Resolved 1. That we urge our Convention Board to put at least two strong men on this road, at once, if they can be secured.

2. That these men be supported by the Board, so they can turn their attention to building up the churches along the line and planting others, instead of having to try to get their support from the field itself.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be given by the Clerk to the Secretary of the Board, and also that we request their publication in the Baptist.

On special motion, all speeches hereafter are to be limited, the chairman of the committee being given ten minutes, and all others five minutes.

It having been arranged for Woman's Work to be discussed just after the Mission question, the report was read by Bro. Bonner. Quite a lively discussion of this subject followed, participated in by Brethren Hall, Elliott, Roper, Bowen, Thames and Farish, and the report was adopted.

Report on Woman's Work.

We firmly believe that no church can prosper as it should, or rather Christ's cause can not prosper in any church as it should without the aid of the woman membership of that church. We also believe that it is well and good for the women of the various churches to unite upon some plan for their church work that is altogether scriptural and to this end we think that every pastor should be very careful in giving advice or suggesting plans for them. We think it is the duty of the male members of the churches to encourage the good women in their noble work for their Master. We are glad to note the progress that is being made in our Association, and state as well, by the women in their work, and trust that it will not be long until all the Christian women will feel it their duty to help carry on our Master's work. We want to emphasize the importance of doing everything, and reporting the same, through the church.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. BONNER,
H. R. CURTIS,
W. P. ELLIS,
R. Q. BRELAND.

Report of Vice President of Woman's Work.

Progress cannot be expressed by dollars and cents, yet the increased amount given by the women of this Association this year, and the evidence of spiritual growth encourages us to feel that woman's work is of the Lord, that we are being led by His spirit, and in His strength we are trying to obey the command to "go forward."

One box to Frontier Missionary valued at \$65 besides the quarterly contribution amounting to \$135.69 represent the money value of work done for missions—it is as the widow's mite compared with older and stronger Associations, but we pray that the spirit in which it has been given may receive the Master's approval, and that both pastors and laymen may bid the women Godspeed, in their efforts.

MRS. E. V. CLARK,

Vice-President of Woman's Work.

The report on nominations was then taken from the table, discussed by Brethren Mitchell, Hall, Elliott, Roper and Farish, amended, and as given below, adopted.

MINUTES OF LEBANON

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations recommend that our next Association be held with the church at Hattiesburg, on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1900, at 9 o'clock A. M. That Bro. W. A. Roper preach the Associational sermon, and that Bro. R. N. Davis be his alternate.

We nominate Bro. J. R. Farish a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Bro. L. E. Hall alternate.

As delegates to the Baptist State Convention, W. A. Roper, W. B. Holcomb, O. D. Bowen, H. P. Gough, J. D. Bonner, W. I. Thames, W. M. Conner, R. C. Murray, J. J. Courtney and W. W. Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. MITCHELL,
C. H. ROWELL,
W. B. ROBERTS.

Adjourned—prayer by Brother Roper.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the Moderator called for order, and Bro. Hall led in prayer. Bro. W. W. Mitchell offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association pay the traveling expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Brother Roper presented the

Report on Education.

We note with pride the rapid progress so manifest among our people in the cause of education. The attendance upon our high schools and colleges indicates the interest our people are taking in this matter.

We say to our boys and girls "Go on, educate yourselves, become useful for God in your day and generation. God needs men and women of great power in his service."

We commend the high schools within our borders to our people. We feel that they well deserve our support.

Then our denominational schools at Clinton and Blue Mountain ought to have a warm place in our hearts. These are our schools. They are good schools and we

believe the Baptists should feel under obligations to them, and patronize them in preference to other colleges of like grade.

As to Ministerial Education, we are glad to say that ignorance is taking its flight from our pulpits. The prejudices of our people against ministerial training both in College and the Seminary, are fast giving way, and the light of God's truth from men of great power is being turned on, the battlements of Satan are being shelled, and God's cause is marching rapidly to triumphant victory. So brethren, we say "Go forth and utilize all the opportunities; make the sacrifices necessary both in College and in the Seminary, and thus equip yourselves for God. 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'"

Respectfully submitted, W. A. ROPER,
B. C. COX,
J. M. PRICE,
J. E. BARRON.

Discussed by Brethren Roper, Hall and Farish, and adopted. Brother Davis read the

Report on Sustentation.

We your Committee on Sustentation are sure we are called upon to give thought and call attention to one of our most important duties, viz.: caring for those who have been faithful ministers and are now old and helpless. If, while in vigor and health through worthy labors they are "worthy of double honor" and support, as mentioned in I Tim. 5-17-18, surely we should continue to love, honor and help them in their old age and helpless condition. We fear that too few of our churches are awake to this important duty. It is shown in our statistics of last year, only seven churches gave to the support of this worthy object of our cause, while thirteen gave nothing. We hope it has only been an oversight, and not an intentional or wilful neglect on the part of our churches or brethren, and from hence we hope all will do something along the line of helping in this worthy undertaking.

Respectfully submitted, R. N. DAVIS,
O. A. HAIGLER,
J. W. MOODY,
D. THATCH.

Brethren Davis, Elliott, Hackett, Hall and Bowen discussed the question, and the report was adopted.

The report on Temperance being ready, Bro. A. R. Granberry read it, and Brethren Hall, Polk, Granberry and Moore spoke upon the subject, and, as presented, the report was unanimously adopted.

Report on Temperance.

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following: Whereas the Liquor Traffic is an unmitigated evil and a terrible menace to our social, civil and religious institutions; and whereas its total suppression would prove a benediction to the home, the state and the church of God, we would therefore most earnestly urge our entire constituency not only to favor, but to unite in all legitimate means to affect the overthrow of this matchless evil. We would beg the churches to keep up the fight against this great evil. Respectfully submitted,

A. R. GRANBERRY,
J. H. CAVER,
CHARLEY JAMES,
N. N. LEE.

Brother Thames submitted the report on Sunday Schools, which was discussed by Brethren Thames, Hackett, Roper, Murray and Moore, and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows: From the minutes of last session and from the current church letters we compile the following statistics:

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| Churches reported last year | 20 |
| Members reported last year | 1,624 |
| Preaching services held each month | 28 |
| Number of Sunday Schools | 13 |
| Number of scholars | 919 |
| Churches reported this year | 25 |
| Members reported this year | 1,756 |
| Preaching services held each month | 34 |
| Number of Sunday Schools | 17 |
| Number of scholars | 1,286 |

Last year five churches reported Sunday Schools with larger attendance than Church membership; this year nine Churches thus reported. We thus see that while the Association has gained a church membership of 123 it has gained a Sunday school membership of 367. From the above facts we readily see that considerable progress has been made in Sunday school work. But much more could have been done. We have reported 572 fewer scholars than church members; whereas there should readily be twice or thrice as many. Twenty of our churches reported preaching service only once a month: three have two services and two have four services, or a total of 34. If all our churches had Sunday schools there would be 125 additional services.

We deem it unnecessary to argue the necessity of the Sunday school. It is the church at work; it is also the nursery, the antechamber of the church. It is the place to make early impressions on young minds, and the place to train young and old Christians for more efficient service in the Master's cause.

We recommend that the Moderator of this Association appoint a suitable person to assist churches in organizing Sunday schools throughout the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. THAMES,
J. C. LYON,
J. T. HOSEY,
LUTHER HOLCOMB,
DANIEL CARTER,
Committee.

Bro. Polk presented the report on the Orphan's Home, which was spoken to by Brethren Polk, Hall, Elliott, and Bowen, and adopted:

Report on Mississippi Baptist Orphanage.

Those having the interests of the Orphan's Home at heart are glad to know that God has most wonderfully blessed it, and that from beginning two years ago in a rented house, it now has a property worth \$10,000, including two well-furnished cottages.

Here, from fifteen so thirty homeless children find food, lodging, and the mental, moral and Christian training of

a Christian home. Indeed, we have reason to believe that often these waifs of charity have the advantage over the children of some wealthy Christian parents in this line.

Our people cannot too highly appreciate the economical and judicious management by the superintendent and his wife and the generous loan by them of \$800, which amount should be quickly repaid.

With no income except the contributions of the people, it behooves us to keep this work ever in view, remembering that there is a crying need for everything given.

Already the advisability of selling one-half the land, in order to get funds for immediate needs, is being discussed.

We recommend the Orphanage to your prayers and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. POLK,

J. W. QUICK,

WIGGINS HATTEN.

The committee on the State of the Churches reported through Bro. Murray, who discussed the condition of affairs and was followed by Bro. Hall, after which the report as given below was adopted.

Report on State of Churches.

Your committee on State of Churches reports as follows: The spiritual condition, as indicated by the church letters, from the number baptized this year, is discouraging, but we feel that it calls for more vigorous work from the pastors and churches, and the earnest prayers of all Christian people in the future.

We are glad to see the spirit of liberality in giving among our churches is somewhat on the increase, as reported last year, but we can do more, if the churches will adopt more systems and make them more personal.

We further recommend that pastors (in person or through some good brother or sister) make a personal application to each of his members on giving to all objects fostered by this Association, and report the same to his church, to be reported to the Association.

We further recommend that all contributions given to the objects fostered by this Association be paid into the

treasuries of the churches and accounted for to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MURRAY,

I. E. BASS,

K. C. HALL.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Thames:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the good people of Eastabuchie, without reference to creed, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained delegates and visitors attending its sessions, and to the railroad for stopping its fast trains.

Just here, Brethren Hall and Farish took occasion to express their gratification at the "unusually fine" Associational gathering we have had, and then a resolution was introduced reappointing Sister E. V. Clark as vice-president of Woman's Work for this Association, and instructing the Clerk to have the minutes printed and distributed, and allowing him \$20 for his services.

The Finance committee reported as having received for all purposes \$100.05, which amount was turned over to the Treasurer.

The Association instructed the Treasurer to send all undesignated funds, together with the balance on hand from last year to the Secretary of the State Board of Missions, to be appropriated as he thinks best.

The Clerk next read the minutes of the second day's proceedings which were approved, after which with a closing prayer by Bro. Farish, the Association adjourned to meet with the Hattiesburg Baptist church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1900, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 3. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART. 4. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: Male delegates, and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

ART. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

ART. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

ART. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

ART. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies,

and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. 10. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

| CHURCHES. | Additions. | | | Lost. | | | Total Membership | Membership Last Year. | State Missions. | Home Missions | |
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| | Baptized | By Letter | Restoration | By Letter | Exclusion | Death | | | | | By Erasure |
| Augusta | | | | 5 | | | 53 | 58 | | | |
| Big Level | | | | | | | 26 | | | | |
| Brooklyn | | | | | | | 21 | \$ 3 | 50 | | |
| Corinth | | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 75 | 76 | 11 | 15 | |
| Eastabuchie | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | 71 | 74 | 5 | 15 | |
| Ellisville | 10 | 16 | | 13 | 1 | 1 | 232 | 221 | 30 | 00 | |
| Fairfield | 4 | 25 | | | | | 29 | | 4 | 00 | |
| Hattiesburg | 2 | 8 | | 15 | 4 | 4 | 240 | 253 | 61 | 40 | |
| Heidelberg | | | 3 | 4 | | | 13 | 14 | | | |
| Immanuel | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | | 38 | 38 | | 27 | |
| Indian Springs | 9 | 10 | 2 | 2 | | | 97 | 77 | | | |
| Lacey | | | | | | | 23 | | | | |
| Laurel | 1 | 12 | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 89 | 85 | | 6 | |
| Lumberton | | 5 | | 7 | | 1 | 30 | 33 | 5 | 00 | |
| McLaurin | | | | | | | 16 | | | | |
| Nicholson | | | | | | | | 22 | | | |
| Perkinston | 19 | 17 | | | | | 63 | 27 | | 5 | |
| Phaltai | | | | | | 3 | 55 | 60 | 2 | 00 | |
| Poplarville | 13 | 16 | | 1 | | 3 | 193 | 170 | 35 | 96 | |
| Purvis | | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 109 | 138 | | 51 | |
| Sandersville | 2 | 5 | | 7 | 1 | 2 | 74 | 77 | 8 | 75 | |
| Shady Grove | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 102 | 104 | 5 | 00 | |
| Slidell | | | | | | | 37 | | 8 | 75 | |
| Vernon | | | | 1 | 2 | | 31 | 34 | | | |
| Wiggins | | 4 | | | | 1 | 29 | 28 | | 2 | |
| | 64 | 127 | 14 | 74 | 18 | 21 | 33 | 1,746 | 1,580 | 180 | 66 |

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

| CHURCHES. | PRESIDENT. | SECRETARY. | POST-OFFICE. | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Ed'tion. |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Augusta | | | | | | | |
| Big Level | | | | | | | |
| Brooklyn | | | | | | | |
| Corinth | | | | | | | |
| Eastabuchie | | | | | | | |
| Ellisville | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | Mrs. Ida Polk | Miss Lizzie Bostic | Hattiesburg | | \$58 45 | \$ 4 65 | \$10 70 |
| Heidelberg | | | | | | | |
| Immanuel | | | | | | | |
| Indian Springs | | | | | | | |
| Lacey | | | | | | | |
| Laurel | | | | | | | |
| Lumberton | | | | | | | |
| McLaurin | | | | | | | |
| Perkinston | Miss Viola Garner | Mrs. Mary Price | Perkinston | 20 | \$ 2 95 | \$ 5 10 | 10 |
| Phaltai | | | | | | | |
| Poplarville | | | | | | | |
| Purvis | | | | | | | |
| Sandersville | | | | | | | |
| Shady Grove | | | | | | | |
| Slidell | | | | | | | |
| Vernon | | | | | | | |
| Wiggins | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 20 | 61 40 | 9 75 | 10 80 |

STATISTICAL.

| Membership Last Year. | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Ed'tion. | Sustentation | Relief of Poor | Bible Work | Southern Baptist Theo'l Seminary. | Mississippi College | Church Expenses. | Sunday School Expenses. | Building and Repairing. | Miscellaneous | Associational Purposes. | Pastor's Salary | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 58 | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$33 75 | \$ 2 50 | | \$ 36 25 |
| | \$ 3 50 | | | | | | | | | \$ 1 50 | \$ 2 50 | | | 1 50 | | 5 50 |
| 76 | 11 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | 13 25 | 1 50 | | 5 00 |
| 74 | 5 15 | \$ 8 40 | \$15 20 | \$15 20 | 4 85 | | | | | 36 85 | 10 81 | | | 2 00 | \$ 100 00 | 126 15 |
| 221 | 30 00 | 42 57 | 44 85 | 14 3 | 5 00 | | | | | 46 00 | 17 90 | | 95 50 | 8 10 | 500 00 | 849 37 |
| | 4 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 65 | 30 00 | 36 65 |
| 253 | 61 40 | 39 88 | 38 90 | 25 8 | | \$50 00 | | | | 79 60 | | | 118 45 | 5 00 | 850 00 | 1173 34 |
| 14 | | | 4 45 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | 100 00 | 105 45 |
| 38 | | 27 10 | 27 54 | 10 3 | 5 00 | 6 80 | 4 65 | \$30 00 | 2 85 | 117 60 | | | 253 10 | 2 50 | 441 67 | 962 40 |
| 77 | | | 3 65 | 7 5 | | | | | | | 4 00 | 750 00 | | 3 00 | 100 00 | 870 15 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | | 1 00 |
| 85 | | 6 00 | 4 30 | | 8 00 | | | | | 18 00 | 17 50 | | 130 00 | 3 00 | 150 00 | 344 66 |
| 33 | 5 00 | 5 00 | | | | | | | | | 7 85 | | | 1 50 | 150 00 | 169 35 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 1 50 |
| 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | | 5 00 | 5 75 | | | | | | | 5 00 | | 25 00 | 37 40 | 2 70 | 80 00 | 160 85 |
| 60 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | | 00 | | | | 10 00 | | | | | 1 00 | 100 00 | 121 00 |
| 170 | 35 06 | 51 78 | 67 90 | | | | | | | 36 00 | 56 00 | | 29 65 | 5 00 | 300 00 | 592 29 |
| 138 | | 50 | 5 00 | | | | | | | 5 00 | 4 50 | | 15 00 | 2 00 | 100 00 | 132 00 |
| 77 | 8 75 | 9 05 | 11 25 | 5 | 00 | | | | | 26 85 | 8 24 | | | 2 00 | 200 00 | 297 09 |
| 164 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 9 00 | | 30 | 11 50 | | | 9 00 | | | | 12 50 | 2 00 | 240 00 | 311 30 |
| | 8 75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 00 | | 10 75 |
| 34 | | | 4 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 100 00 | 105 50 |
| 28 | | 2 15 | | | | | | | | 7 50 | 8 40 | | | 1 50 | 50 00 | 69 55 |
| 1,580 | 180 | 66 204 | 43 242 | 70 68 | | 30 4 65 | 30 00 | 21 85 | 379 00 | 137 70 | 775 00 | 738 60 | 58 20 | 3720 67 | 6726 11 | |

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

| Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Ed'tion. | Orphanage | Church Expenses. | Total | SUPERINTENDENT | SECRETARY. | POST-OFFICE. | Officers and Tea's | Scholars | Average Attendance. | Baptized | Foreign Missions | Orphan's Home | Church Expenses | Sunday School Expenses. | Total |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | 7 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B. M. Morgan | G. C. McKinstry | Sandersville | 6 | 60 | 35 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 13 | 139 | | | | | | | |
| \$58 45 | \$ 4 65 | \$10 70 | \$12 71 | \$86 51 | | W. M. Conner | E. N. Pack | Hattiesburg | 12 | 172 | 90 | 1 | \$12 25 | \$20 00 | \$45 77 | \$33 81 | 121 83 |
| | | | | | | T. L. Hurlbutt | F. B. Gold | Meridian | 12 | 49 | 36 | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | W. J. Pack | R. B. Barnes | Batson | 5 | 52 | 32 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | J. C. Woodward | R. D. Brooks | Lacey | 4 | 71 | 15 | | | | | | |
| \$ 2 95 | \$ 5 10 | 10 | | \$ 5 95 | \$14 30 | J. M. Price | Dan Mobley | Perkinston | 3 | 40 | 25 | | | | | 7 90 | 7 00 |
| | | | | | | | | | 12 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 5 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | H. L. Moore | | Slidell, La. | 7 | 75 | 50 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | E. R. Davis | Marion Taylor | Wiggins | 7 | 48 | 33 | | | | | | |
| 61 40 | 9 75 | 10 80 | 12 71 | 5 95 | 100 81 | | | | 93 | 981 | 316 | 2 | 12 25 | 20 00 | 45 77 | 40 81 | 128 83 |

MINUTES OF LEBANON

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of His church and that the

Aggregate Contributions

| CHURCHES. | Bible Work | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Edu't'n |
|----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Augusta | | | | | |
| Big Level | | | | | |
| Brooklyn | | \$ 3 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Corinth | | 11 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Eastabuchie | | 5 15 | \$ 8 40 | \$15 20 | \$15 20 |
| Ellisville | | 35 00 | 42 57 | 44 85 | 14 35 |
| Fairfield | | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hattiesburg | | 61 40 | 98 33 | 55 80 | 36 55 |
| Heidelberg | | | | 4 45 | ..... |
| Immanuel | 4 65 | ..... | 27 10 | 27 50 | 10 30 |
| Indian Springs | | | | 3 65 | 7 50 |
| Lacey | | | | | |
| Laurel | | | | 4 30 | ..... |
| Lumberton | | 5 00 | 5 00 | ..... | ..... |
| McLaurin | | | | | |
| Perkinston | | 20 | 7 95 | 10 85 | 10 |
| Phaltai | | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | ..... |
| Poplarville | | 35 96 | 51 78 | 67 90 | 10 |
| Purvis | | | 50 | 5 00 | ..... |
| Sandersville | | 8 75 | 9 05 | 11 25 | 5 00 |
| Shady Grove | | 5 00 | 5 00 | 9 00 | ..... |
| Slideff | | 8 75 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vernon | | | | 4 00 | ..... |
| Wiggins | | | 2 15 | ..... | ..... |
| | 4 65 | 180 86 | 259 83 | 264 75 | 80 00 |

Immanuel and Ellisville report everything through t
 Nicholson sent no report this year—figures are taken
 Lacey uses Union literature in Sunday school. All
 Money reported as paid visiting ministers is put in t

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

the only lawgiver

Contributions of Church, Woman's Society, and Sunday School.

| | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Edu't'n | Orphan's Home | Sustentation | Relief of Poor | Southern Baptist Theo'l Sem. | Mississippi College | Church Expenses | Sunday School Expenses | Building and Repairing | Miscellaneous | Associational Purposes | Pastor's Salary | Total |
|----|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | \$ 1 50 | \$ 2 50 | | \$33 25 | \$ 2 50 | | \$ 36 25 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 5 50 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 5 00 |
| 40 | \$15 20 | \$15 20 | \$11 55 | \$ 4 85 | | | | 36 85 | 10 81 | | 13 25 | 1 75 | \$ 100 00 | 126 15 |
| 57 | 44 85 | 14 35 | 25 10 | 25 00 | | | | 46 00 | 17 90 | | 95 50 | 8 10 | 129 00 | 239 01 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 65 | 30 00 | 36 65 |
| 33 | 55 80 | 36 55 | 77 31 | 44 26 | \$50 | | | 125 37 | 33 81 | | 118 45 | 5 00 | 850 00 | 1381 68 |
| | 4 45 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | 100 00 | 105 45 |
| 10 | 27 50 | 10 30 | 33 20 | 5 00 | 6 | 30 00 | 2 85 | 117 60 | | | 253 10 | 2 50 | 441 67 | 962 40 |
| | 3 65 | 7 50 | 2 00 | | | | | 4 00 | 750 00 | | | 3 00 | 100 00 | 870 15 |
| | 4 30 | | 7 86 | 8 00 | | | | 17 50 | | | | 1 00 | | 1 00 |
| 00 | | | | | | | | 18 00 | | | 130 00 | 3 00 | 150 00 | 344 66 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 150 00 | 169 35 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 1 50 |
| 95 | 10 85 | 10 | | | | | | 7 85 | | | | 2 70 | 80 00 | 182 15 |
| 00 | 1 00 | | | 5 00 | | | 10 00 | 10 95 | 7 00 | 25 00 | 37 40 | 1 00 | 100 00 | 121 00 |
| 78 | 67 90 | | 10 00 | | | | | 36 00 | 56 00 | | 29 65 | 5 00 | 300 00 | 592 29 |
| 50 | 5 00 | | | | | | | 5 00 | 4 50 | | 15 00 | 2 00 | 100 00 | 132 00 |
| 05 | 11 25 | 5 00 | 17 95 | 8 00 | | | | 26 85 | 8 24 | | | 2 00 | 200 00 | 297 09 |
| 00 | 9 00 | | 5 00 | 12 30 | 110 | | 9 00 | | | | 12 50 | 2 00 | 240 00 | 311 30 |
| | 4 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 00 | | 10 75 |
| 15 | | | | | | | | 7 50 | 8 40 | | | 1 50 | 100 00 | 105 50 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 50 00 | 69 55 |
| 83 | 264 75 | 80 00 | 180 92 | 112 41 | 680 | 30 00 | 21 85 | 431 71 | 178 51 | 775 00 | 738 10 | 58 20 | 3720 67 | 6955 75 |

REMARKS.

everything through the church. Inmanuel's amount to Orphan's home includes a box valued at \$14.
 ar—figures are taken from last year's minutes.
 unday school. All others the Convention Series.
 ministers is put in the "miscellaneous" column.

d or amended
 ority vote.

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| CHURCHES. | POST-OFFICE. | COUNTY. | Organized |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Augusta | Augusta | Perry | |
| Big Level | Wisdom | Harrison | 1890 |
| Brooklyn | Brooklyn | | 1890 |
| Corinth | Sandersville | Jasper | 1894 |
| Eastabuchie | Eastabuchie | Jones | 1884 |
| Ellisville | Ellisville | Jones | |
| Fairfield | Shelton | Jones | 1898 |
| Hattiesburg | Hattiesburg | Perry | 1883 |
| Heidelberg | Heidelberg | Jasper | 1885 |
| Immanuel | Meridian | Lauderdale | 1894 |
| Indian Springs | Batson | Perry | 1893 |
| Lacey | Lacey | Hancock | 1896 |
| Laurel | Laurel | Jones | |
| Lumberton | Lumberton | Pearl River | |
| McLaurin | McLaurin | | 1898 |
| Nicholson | Nicholson | Hancock | |
| Perkinston | Perkinston | Harrison | 1897 |
| Phaltai | Paulding | Jasper | |
| ville | Poplarville | Pearl River | |
| Purvis | Purvis | Marion | |
| Sandersville | Sandersville | Jones | |
| Shady Grove | Heidelberg | Jasper | 185 |
| Slidell | Slidell | Louisiana (state) | 1892 |
| Vernon | Vernon | Jasper | 1895 |
| Wiggins | Wiggins | Harrison | 1896 |

the Moderator.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTY. | Organized | Value of Property | Seating Capacity | PASTORS. | POST-OFFICE. | CLERKS. | POST-OFFICE. |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| son | 1890 | \$ 50 | | J. M. Sammons | Poplarville | J. J. Courtney | Augusta |
| | 1899 | | | C. M. Breland | Wisdom | R. O. Breland | Wisdom |
| er | 1894 | 60 | 300 | J. D. Stone | Eastville | C. A. Shoemaker | Brooklyn |
| s | 1884 | 60 | 250 | Chas. G. Elliott | Meridian | Ira Morgan | Sandersville |
| s | | 3,00 | 300 | O. D. Bowen | Ellisville | R. Dossett | Eastabuchie |
| s | 1898 | 40 | | J. L. Bryant | Eula | J. F. Nesom | Ellisville |
| y | 1883 | 3,00 | 500 | L. E. Hall | Hattiesburg | D. O. Watkins | Shelton |
| er | 1885 | 40 | 300 | J. R. Farish | Meridian | A. A. Montague | Hattiesburg |
| erdale | 1894 | 1,00 | 150 | Chas. G. Elliott | Meridian | S. O. Donald | Heidelberg |
| ock | 1893 | 75 | 600 | T. E. H. Robinson | Hecla | B. F. Quarles | Meridian |
| s | 1896 | | | | | R. B. Barnes | Batson |
| River | | 1,60 | | O. D. Bowen | Ellisville | W. W. Brooks | Lacey |
| | 1898 | | | W. B. Holcomb | Poplarville | A. J. Dabbs | Laurel |
| ock | | 1,00 | 500 | | | M. L. Wells, Jr. | Lumberton |
| son | 1897 | 1,00 | 400 | W. B. Holcomb | Poplarville | J. E. Barron | McLaurin |
| er | | | | W. A. Roper | Heidelberg | | Perkinston |
| River | | 1,00 | 500 | W. B. Holcomb | Poplarville | D. V. Perkins | Paulding |
| on | | 60 | 400 | R. C. Murray | Purvis | A. G. Hudson | Poplarville |
| | | 1,05 | | O. D. Bowen | Ellisville | R. E. Wilkinson | Purvis |
| er | 1857 | 300 | 250 | W. A. Roper | Heidelberg | Davis Bond | Sandersville |
| iana (state) | 1892 | | | O. D. Bowen | Ellisville | A. McDaniel | Heidelberg |
| r | 1895 | | | W. A. Roper | Heidelberg | J. A. Lyon | Slidell, La. |
| son | 1896 | | | | | H. L. Moore | Vernon |
| | | | | | | N. R. Hosey | Wiggins |
| | | | | | | E. R. Davis | |
| | | \$ 16,800 | 4,450 | | | | |

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rity vote.



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